

GUESTS HUSTLE AT KING'S PARTY

Lord Roberts's Motor Breaks Down and He is Compelled to Appear on Foot.

PARLIAMENT A GAY PLACE

It Has Become the Mecca of the Fashionable Set for Dinner Parties.

BY THE COUNTESS OF BLANKSHIRE.

LONDON, July 18.—His Majesty was not altogether satisfied with the behavior of some of his guests at the Windsor garden party. These persons ranged themselves very closely around the royal pavilion and made audible comments and criticisms upon the appearance of the different members of the family and the dresses of the royal ladies. Some very undignified pushing and scrambling took place in the tea tent, and this came to the King's attention. At the end of the party, when most of the guests had departed, His Majesty expressed himself very strongly to some of his leading court officials.

Women Sports.

There is keen competition among certain well-known women belonging to what is generally described as the Mayfair sporting set to take part in the balloon competitions which are becoming so popular.

On the occasion of the recent hare and hounds race from Hurlingham, one of the women, whose ample charms are more conspicuous than is her tact, went so far as to offer a substantial sum for the privilege of a seat in the car of one of the competing balloons. She received no answer, and she is unlikely to try again to attempt to achieve notoriety as an aeronaut.

King's Garden Party.

One of the institutions which have become more important, more popular and more interesting year by year is undoubtedly the King's garden party.

At this year's event there were no less than 1,000 motor cars drawn up in the grounds of Windsor Castle. Among them was, of course, the motor car of Lord Roberts. One of the incidents which, I think, must have rewarded the patient and good-humored crowd that watched the arrivals in the streets of Windsor was the failure of the dauntless hero of so many forced marches and successful raids to ascend the modest height of Castle Hill, and compelled to get down from his derelict motor and perform the rest of the journey on foot.

The garden party at Windsor is steadily becoming more democratic. The attendance of the Labor members is, of course, not a new feature. The sovereign, who would think of excluding them or any other body of representative men from a royal function of that kind would be set down as an incurable snob; in fact, such a thing since the present King has set the fashion would be impossible.

I often wonder what would be the reflection of either the German Emperor or the Russian Czar if he could pay a visit to one of these garden parties. Either would be very much astounded, I have no doubt, to see the

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King singling out for social recognition Mr. Bell, the railway men's representative; Mr. John Ward, once a navy, and still a splendid specimen of intelligence and muscular humanity; and I suppose the Czar would open his eyes when he saw among the honored of his guests that fine old gentleman, the Rev. Dr. Adler, the chief rabbi of the Jewish community.

Gaiety of Parliament.

The House of Commons during the last quarter century has certainly undergone a wonderful transformation. There are hours when a person studying that body asks himself whether the house is a legislative assembly or a great international hotel. You see crowds of fashionably dressed women; you see crowds of men in evening dress, and you hear the popping of corks, the loud buzz of conversation, the peals of laughter—everything, in fact, that you expect to find, not in a great deliberative assembly spending laborious nights in the study and discussion of momentous affairs, but in a caravanserai or a race meeting, or a fashionable regatta; you might think yourself on Epsom Downs or on Ascot Heath, or on the river at

Henley, rather than in the Palace of Westminster. And there are groups in all kinds of little dining groups in consequence.

In a former Parliament was a member who took a certain room for one session every week throughout the session; and on that night he had a large party of ladies and gentlemen always to meet him. Now and then little presentiments and conferences take place in one of the dining-rooms. I am sure that the gradual giving up of all housekeeping, which is one of the peculiarities of the modern legislature, is largely due to the fact that, if he has to entertain his friends there, he has no place where he can go more agreeably to them and more conveniently to himself than in the dining-room of the House of Commons.

When it comes to the case of a member of Parliament, he may be tempted to take his guests to a hotel, where he is saved from so much worry; but he knows that he knows anything of human nature—that there is no restaurant and no hotel in the world which offers such attractions to the dinner guests of a member of Parliament as the House of Commons. If he desires, too, to make the friends of his whom he wishes to please, personally acquainted with the great parliamentary personalities, it is again only at the House of Commons that he can do so. Ministers are slaves of the House of Commons as long as the session lasts, and a member can afford to be absent from a division, especially if he be paired, but a minister is never supposed to be absent.

As the ministers, chief and subordinate, make between them something approaching to forty members, and as they have by giving his small to other body of men in the assembly to keep the government in existence, they are expected to be always there to make up either the parliamentary quorum of forty or the nucleus of the majority, which must be always on hand, so as to prevent the opposition from stealing any marches by a future or surprise division during those hours of the evening when vigilance is relaxed, and the members are small to their host. Therefore, for instance, your parliamentary host wishes to present Mr. Lloyd George or Mr. Winston Churchill to one of his constituents, certainly the fair friends who take a romantic interest in all men who are spoken of as a good deal, he can only be sure of doing so by giving his dinner in the House of Commons. The minister then can spare a few minutes to come down and join his friends, even if he be in charge of a bill, he can always be replaced by his under secretary.

NEWS FROM ABROAD

Burglar Typewrites Story of Robbery.

PARIS, July 18.—The former Assistant Mayor of Toulouse has been robbed by a burglar, who is apparently a very facetious young man.

After appropriating various documents concerning a municipal law suit and 2 francs and 25 sous, which he found in a drawer, the burglar sat down at the typewriter and wrote his impressions as follows:

"Dear Sir and Colleagues: This is the first time since I have embraced the profession of burglar that I find myself with a colleague, as my former occupation was that of stenographer and typewriter. For this reason I have respected almost everything in your office, which I am sorry to say I found in considerable disorder; but this proves that you are a very busy man. I am taking 45 sous. It is not much for a night's work. But I am going to take some souvenirs with me, one of which is a shorthand method, which I shall translate in my leisure moments. Accept, my dear colleague, my best regards. I shall not sign this for a good reason, and will not call again, as it is not worth while."

The letter was found alongside the

typewriter the following morning, and was neatly written.

No trace of the burglar has been found.

Belgians Angry at Their King.

BRUSSELS, July 18.—Belgians are very angry with King Leopold for what they consider a lack of delicacy on his part.

His Majesty has just taken up his summer residence at the Clermont Castle, near Namur, which belongs to the Belgian nation, and was the residence of the late Queen.

The King, however, has not scrupled to take his morganatic wife, Baroness Vaughan, and two of the children born of his marriage with her to live there. It is felt that the King exceeds the bounds of decency in allowing Baroness Vaughan to reside at Clermont as the guest of the Belgian nation.

Murderers Boast of Crime.

PARIS, July 18.—Never has a court of justice listened to a more cold-blooded recital of atrocious crimes. The Count Vromant, leader of the band of the brutal triple murder at Violaines, in January, 1906. These were Abel Pollet, his brother, Auguste Pollet, the Count Vromant, leader of the notorious gang at Hazebruck, comprising twenty-seven persons—fourteen men and thirteen women—now undergoing trial on charges of no fewer than 118 crimes, many accompanied by violence and murder.

The Pollets and Vromant told the judge in boastful language how they did to death an aged couple named Lecoq, eighty and seventy-nine years of age, residing in a village near the town of Violaines. They described how they broke into the house about midnight, Abel, the chief of the gang, armed with a poker, and Vromant, with a heavy iron stove-lid. Lecoq's daughter gave the alarm, but on getting up she was seized and killed with the poker by Abel, and at the same moment the candle carried by the robbers was extinguished.

Mme. Lecoq, roused by the noise, now made a rush for her life toward the window. A scene of confusion ensued in the darkness. The murderers slipped in the blood of their victims, but succeeded in stopping Mme. Lecoq before she reached the window. Vromant, feeling her with a blow from the stove-lid, and Abel, with a blow from the poker, killed her. The Count Vromant, leader of the half-murdered octogenarian, who had fallen on the floor, was then killed by Abel. "He has got about enough, but finish him off," and Vromant said: "I gave him a frightful blow with the stove-lid."

Abel, answering the judge's questions, seemed only anxious to magnify his share in the crime. He boasted his ruthlessness as the leader of the gang, and described how he spurred on the flagging courage of his confederates. Addressing the judge, he added:

"When you break into a house to steal, Monsieur le President, you must see the thing through. So I struck, and we all struck. As we had been recognized, we could not hesitate to show any pity. If you had been in our place, Monsieur le President, you would have done the same thing."

So casual were the prisoners' recitals that the judge ordered them to be silent, saying they were a disgrace to humanity.

Before killing the old man, the murderers forced him to tell them where his savings were concealed. In the place indicated they found \$1,700 in notes and gold, several valuable antique coins, and a quantity of jewelry. Abel, the ringleader, gave \$100 to his accomplices and kept the rest.

All the murderers have been sentenced to death.

Bridegroom Married in Handcuffs.

PARIS, July 18.—The extraordinary scene of a wedding where the bridegroom was married in handcuffs was witnessed at St. Martin on Thursday. Theophile Fray, aged thirty-four, had recently been caught in a daring burglary, and sentenced to ten years' hard labor. His fiancée, Alexandrine Sadeau, aged nineteen, was a victim of the same crime, and declared that nothing could induce her to give up her sweetheart.

She accordingly petitioned the authorities to allow the marriage to take place at once. Her request was granted, and on Thursday the prisoner was conducted by four detectives to the church, where his bride and friends were waiting for him. The prisoner was securely handcuffed. During the ceremony the detectives refused to release their hold on the prisoner or the bride, but as a matter of fact they

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Large Irish Potatoes, per peck, 20c
Butter Biscuits, per package, 1c
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FARMVILLE GETS BIG NEW ICE PLANT

Ice-Maker Found No Trouble Getting Site—Room for Other Industries.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FARMVILLE, Va., July 18.—A direct result of Farmville's taking advantage of the publicity given it in the Industrial Section of The Times-Dispatch is in evidence. It will be remembered that among other advantages Farmville offers to capital and energy, spoken of by Mr. Woodson in his full and eminently correct review of the town, he mentioned an ice plant, saying no town in the State offered a better location for the investment of money in that kind of a enterprise. The write-up attracted attention in various parts of the country, as has been shown by the number of letters received by the secretary of the Board of Trade.

Mr. W. C. Newman, of Allee, Va., who has read the story of Farmville's advantages, not only wrote, but he came to see for himself. His visit has resulted in an arrangement, now completed, to establish here at once a plant for the manufacture of ice. Mr. Newman has purchased the lot on which to build the plant, selecting an eligible one between the Norfolk and Western Railway and the Tidewater and Western line, regarding convenience as a shipping point very essential. An artesian well will be sunk at once to furnish the right kind of raw material.

It is proper to say that Mr. Newman found no trouble in getting the site for the plant, on terms that were in every way satisfactory. Any man who comes here to establish a new industry will, like Mr. Newman, find the people ready to meet him, and there will be no trouble about sites or any other advantages that a town or city knows how to offer.

PROGRESS DINNER IN NEWPORT NEWS

(Continued From First Page.)

S. Copeland, who was introduced as the "daddy" of the progress movement.

Board of Trade to Move Things.

By this time the meeting was ready to form an organization to carry out the plans and ideas that had been elucidated by the speakers. It was, however, deemed wise to have a committee to formulate plans and report at another meeting, maybe another dinner. The committee was appointed, two of them, in fact, and I have information that they have been busy ever since and are now ready to report.

The upshot of it all is that Newport News is soon to have a new business organization, to be called the Board of Trade. It is going to have three strong points, to wit: It is to be made up of men who mean business; it is to be officered by hard workers; it is to be well financed.

Newport News has a Chamber of Commerce, and a good one, but its principal work has been and is to entertain distinguished visitors on ship launching and other big occasions, to

watch the Legislature of Virginia and the Congress of the United States, to get good shipping and pilotage laws and to do a great many other things necessary to be done, but it has not done any great things in the way of bringing new industries to town. That will be the special prerogative of the new Board of Trade, and it is going to do business, too.

Great Destiny on Ahead. Why should it not? It certainly has a magnificent place to invite men of business and of means to Newport News can be, and should be, a great manufacturing city.

The raw material of various kinds is near at hand, the ground upon which to build is there, the labor is there, or can be brought there, as the shipbuilders have abundantly proven, the shipping facilities are there, and the wide, wide world is open to it, for at Newport News is the finest harbor on the Atlantic coast. Ships from every port on earth can and do come there, and if the manufacturers go there to make the goods the ships will come to carry them away to profitable markets.

There are people who believe that Newport News, Va., is made and destined to be the greatest Atlantic seaport south of New York, and, in my opinion, the 150 or 200 business men who sat at that dinner in the Warwick Hotel last week then and there set a ball in motion that will roll on and on, carrying a goodly train of bringing this very thing to pass, and that right speedily.

MANY BUILDINGS GOING UP IN CREWE

Buggy and Wagon Factory Being Built—More Wage Earners Added to Pay-Rolls.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CREWE, Va., July 18.—There has been no cessation of the building boom in Crewe as a result of the late panic. Within the past six months ten dwellings have been erected at a cost, not including the price of the lots, of \$15,000. At present there are under construction four new dwellings, and bids are being considered for the erection of others.

The ground has been purchased and the contract let for the erection of a buggy and wagon factory here which, when completed, will give employment to quite a number of export workmen. This factory is to be conducted by Mr. C. L. Jennings.

The force in the Norfolk and Western shops is being gradually increased, and the indications are that the time is not far away when normal conditions will again prevail and the shops pay-roll will be as great as ever it was.

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